space technology more advaced with the domestic resources;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which self-dependence in respect of space technology is proposed to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c). The Research & Development efforts are a continuous process towards innovation and upgradation of technology. The main thrust of the Space Programme now is to provide for space segments for services relating to communication and remote sensing of earth resources for national developmental purposes. Successful indigenous development of operational Indian Remote Sensing (IRS) Satellites has already been achieved. An indigenous INSAT setellite is scheduled for launch this year. With the indigenous development of Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) to lunch IRS class satellites and Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) to launch INSAT class satellites, the country would have attained self-dependence. The total self-sufficiency is expected to be achieved with the above programmes in about 5-6 years time.

[*English*]

Posts of Chief Vigilance Officers

4426. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Chief Vigilance Officers in various departments/public sector undertakings/nationalised banks/ autonomous organisations etc;

(b) the number of departments in which either the posts of Chief Vigilance Officers are vacant or ad hoc and temporary arrangements have been made; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Shortage of Non-Cooking Pithead Coal

4427. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that there is shortage of non-cooking pithead coal during February 1992;

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to meet the shortage;

(c) the stock of accumulated coal with Coal India as on February 10, 1992;

(d) since when this stock was accumulated;

(e) the stock released to be market during the last three years; and

(f) the guidelines issued by the Government to Coal India Ltd. regarding release of additional stock in view of the availability of the coal in the market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) and (b). Government are not aware as of now of any shortage of non-cooking coal having occurred during February 1992.

(c) and (d). According to Coal India Limited, the total stock of coal with them as on 10.2.92 was 37.97 million tonnes. The

stocks have accumulated over a period of time.

(e) Despatches of coal from Coal India Ltd. during the last three years are as under:

(In million tonnes)

1989-90	170.18
1990-91	179.69
1991-92 (upto Feb. 92)	176.19

(f) A decision has recently been taken to release twenty million tonnes of coal from the pithead stocks. Coal India Ltd. has been instructed to categories the stocks as follows:

1. Stocks lying in colleries within 3 Kms of railway sidings;
2. Stocks lying in collieries beyond 3 Kms of railway sidings;
3. Pithead stocks in collieries which are captive to consumer points like Thermal Power Stations;
4. Stocks in collieries which are linked only by roads.

The stocks under category two and four would be trains-ported to special coal dumps and opened for sale. However, priority would be given to actual consumers, like manufacturers of cement, paper, textile, glass, lime, small industries and brick kilns etc. The sale price will be the price notified by the Govt. for a particular grade and handling charges etc. The grade of coal will be fixed by the Coal Controller.

[*Translation*]

Construction of Religious Places

4428. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given on November 27. 1991 to USQ No. 893 and state:

(a) whether the information with regard to the construction or religious places unauthorisedly has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c). The information is still being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Punishment of Government Employees

4429. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government servants who have been punished without bringing home to them the evidence and to produce the essential witnesses for cross-examination on whose evidence the employees have been punished in the light of the judgement given by C.A.T. in the case to Jagdish Chand Jhamb-ATR 1990 (1) CAT 27; and

(b) the remedial steps taken/proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). The judgement of CAT was in the context of specific